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Assignee: ConAgra Foods Refrigerated
Foods Co., Inc.

Inventors: B. Schmitt

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Title: INGREDIENT FOR GRILLED FOOD ITEM
AND METHOD OF PREPARATION

Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: Milton I. Cano

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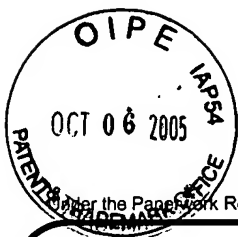
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U.S. PATENT / APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YY	Name of Patentee or Application of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number – Kind Code ² (if known)			
	1	US-3,669,688	06-13-1972	Thompson	
	2	US-6,463,844	10-15-02	Wang.	
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